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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Per the Director's instructions I called Mr. Larry McHugh, Joint Economic Committee staff, and told him that while the Director wanted to be helpful he would prefer to help the Committee in its August hearings on the Soviet economy by providing information to the Committee through the State Department as we did in 1969. This was an arrangement which was worked out between Senator Proxmire and the Director personally. McHugh asked about the appearance of other Agency witnesses and I told him the Director was normally the only spokesman for the Agency with the Congress and both we and our Committees prefer to keep it that way. McHugh seemed to accept this arrangement, at least for the moment, but said he would discuss it with Senator Proxmire to be sure it was agreeable with him. He will let me know the results of that conversation.

2. (Secret - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and left with him the copy of the portion of the Agency's briefing statement on Laos which was given to the Senate Appropriations Committee's Intelligence Operations Subcommittee at our budget hearing last Friday. Braswell expressed his continuing concern over the problems Senator Stennis will encounter on the Senate floor when he brings up the Defense procurement authorization bill. He said Senator Stennis is considering sending letters to the Secretary of Defense and to the Director in an attempt to pin down the Administration's plans for operations in Laos for fiscal 1972. It was clear that Braswell needed the kind of background briefing we have given our other CIA Subcommittee staff members so I arranged for [redacted] to brief him later in the day on the situation in Laos. Mr. Jim Woolsey, of the Committee staff, also attended this briefing. Both men found the briefing very helpful for they feel certain that one or more of the Senate members will call for a secret session on Laos when the procurement bill is being discussed.

3. (Secret - GLC) In response to his request, left with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, a copy of the briefing statement on Laos which was used in our budget hearing on 11 June.

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25X1 9. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and told him that the Washington Post item of this morning relating to the evacuation of Headquarters due to a bomb threat was in error. Mr. Preston appreciated the clarification to save any embarrassment in the event of questions by the Chairman or members of the Committee.

25X1 10. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Austin Smith, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that he had talked to [redacted] earlier in the week as a followup to the three-way conversation between Messrs. [redacted] Smith, and myself concerning employment prospects for his son who will be graduating from college this month. The Office of Personnel has been advised.

11. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. William Cook, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that the Committee received an open rule with one hour of debate which would allow amendments on the floor to H.R. 6483, a bill to increase the number of generals in the Marine Corps. Mr. Cook told me he does anticipate some problem when the bill reaches the floor. Representative Nedzi (D., Mich.) may request an amendment to reduce the number of generals from four to three. Representative Otis Pike (D., N.Y.) had indicated to Chairman Fisher that he intends to oppose the entire measure. I thanked Mr. Cook for the advice.

12. (Secret - JMM) Accompanied Colonel White, John Clarke, and Cord Meyer who briefed Representatives Hebert and Arends on the Agency budget, and [redacted]

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